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MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT

Brother Knights,

It is hard to believe we are already in August—summer always seems to fly by! I hope everyone had a wonderful and relaxing month of July spending well-deserved time with family and friends during our meeting hiatus.

With July behind us, it's time to gear up and return to our normal council routines and regular meeting schedule. We are kicking off the month with our annual KC Family Picnic on Monday, August 3rd at 5:30 PM at the NE Park Pavilion. After we finish eating and enjoying fellowship with our families, we will hold a brief council meeting around 7:00 PM to discuss a few key items as we prepare for a busy fall season.

Communication and organization are major priorities as we head into the new fraternal year. I'm pleased to share that our official Facebook page and Flocknote messaging are both up and running! Flocknote will allow us to send out quick text and email updates for upcoming events. If you do not receive a Flocknote message about the KC picnic on Friday July 31, please catch up with me at the picnic or send me an email so I can update your contact information in the system.

We also have an exciting leadership update: Ben Burns has graciously accepted the role of Program Director, reporting to our Deputy Grand Knight. Ben's primary goal in this role will be building comprehensive event files and documentation for all council activities so we have clear templates and details for everything we do moving forward. Please welcome Ben into this new role and offer him your support as he gets organized.

We have a busy schedule lined up for the coming months, and I look forward to seeing everyone at NE Park on Monday!



Vivat Jesus,
Matthew Petsinger
Grand Knight



Ben Burns Appointed Council Program Director

We are excited to announce that Brother Knight Ben Burns has graciously accepted the position of Council Program Director, reporting directly to Deputy Grand Knight Scott Kassel.

In this vital role, Ben will be focusing on program organization and sustainability. His primary goal will be creating standardized, detailed event files for every activity, fundraiser, and service project our council undertakes. Having these clear procedures and historical records on file will make organizing future events much smoother for all project leaders. Please congratulate Ben and offer him your assistance as he gathers information for our upcoming programs!

Council Launches Facebook Page & Flocknote Updates

To help keep all members informed and up to date on short notice, Council 2768 has officially launched our Facebook page and Flocknote communications network! Flocknote will allow us to send out timely text and email reminders for meetings, volunteer opportunities, and event changes.

Action Needed: If you did not receive a Flocknote test message regarding the upcoming August KC Picnic this past Friday, please see Grand Knight Matthew Petsinger at the picnic or send an email to the council so we can get your phone number and email address properly updated in our system.

Sacred Heart School Back-to-School Picnic Volunteer Notice

Sacred Heart School will be hosting its annual Back-to-School Picnic in September to welcome students and families back for the new academic year.

While exact dates and logistics are still being finalized by the school administration, our council expects to assist with grilling and food prep as we have in past years. Please keep an eye on your email and Flocknote notifications for finalized details and volunteer requests as soon as they become available.

Annual KC Family Picnic Set for August 3rd

Looking ahead to kick off our summer wrap-up, please make sure to mark your calendars for our August meeting replacement! Instead of our usual formal indoor gathering, we will be hosting our annual KC Family Picnic.

When: Monday, August 3rd. Eating starts at 5:30 PM, followed by a short council meeting around 7:00 PM.

Where: NE Park Pavilion

This is a wonderful tradition where we invite our wives, children, and families to join us for an evening of good food, games, and fellowship to celebrate everything our council accomplishes together. After we finish eating and the families are socializing, we will hold a brief meeting to wrap up necessary council business. Bring the family out for a great night in the park!

All Hands on Deck for Sacred Heart Fall Festival in September

The annual Sacred Heart Parish Fall Festival is right around the corner in September! This is one of the parish's largest community events, and our council will be providing major volunteer support throughout the festival.

An "all hands on deck" effort will be needed from our Brother Knights to help with setup, food service, tear down, and overall operations. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered in years past, and thank you in advance for stepping up again to make this year's festival a success. Specific shift sign-up details will be shared soon.

Owatonna KC Council Golf Outing — September 12th

Our neighbors at the Owatonna Knights of Columbus Council have extended an invitation to Council 2768 members for their annual Golf Outing on Saturday, September 12th.

This is always a fantastic day of fraternity and friendly competition on the course.

Any Brother Knights interested in assembling a four-person team to represent Waseca are encouraged to register. Best of luck to everyone hitting the links!

Early Heads-Up: Fall Highway Ditch

Clean-Up Scheduled for October
Looking slightly further ahead on our calendar, our semi-annual KC Fall Ditch Clean-Up will take place prior to our regular October monthly meeting.

Members will meet late afternoon to clean our designated stretch of highway ditches, and we will gather at the Ward House immediately following the cleanup to hold our regular October council meeting. Exact start times and staging details will be published in the September newsletter.

Support Regional Campus Ministry: St. Thomas More Newman Center Gala

While our council has historically focused most of our efforts on local parish and community projects, supporting Catholic campus ministry offers us a great opportunity to help young adults stay grounded in their faith.

The St. Thomas More Catholic Newman Center (Catholic Mavs) at Minnesota State University, Mankato will be hosting their annual Gala to benefit student ministry programs.

Keynote Speaker: Pete Burak — Vice President of Renewal Ministries and a well-known Catholic speaker, author, and evangelist dedicated to inspiring young adults and Catholic men.

Event Location: Mayo Clinic Health System Event Center, Mankato, MN

Why Support: The Catholic Newman Center serves as a spiritual home away from home for college students—offering daily Mass, sacraments, Bible studies, retreat opportunities, and Catholic community during a critical time in their lives.

The Gala gathers alumni, benefactors, and community supporters for an evening celebrating faith and investing in the next generation of Catholic leaders. Whether attending the event or making a donation, supporting the Newman Center is a meaningful way for us to extend our mission of charity and unity to Catholic college students in our region.

For full event details, ticket purchasing, or to support their mission online, visit catholicmavs.org.





Reminder:
Next KC Meeting
Monday
August 3rd 7pm



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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September 2026						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			BACK TO SCHOOL PICNIC	3	4	5
6	7	KC Meeting 7:00 PM	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	Sacred Heart Fall Festival	
Sacred Heart Fall	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

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